

**State Executive Council (SEC) for Children's Services
Executive Committee
VIRTUAL MEETING
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229
November 19, 2020**

Present

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources (Chair)
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors
Valerie Boykin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
Alison Land, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services (VDSS)
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services (OCS)
Zandra Relaford, Assistant Director
Susan Whyte, Assistant Attorney General
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Comments

Secretary Carey called the virtual meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Secretary Carey remarked briefly that the Governor would be presenting amendments to the current biennium budget in December. He also commented on the status of the pandemic.

Mr. Reiner noted that, in accordance with virtual meeting requirements, the meeting was being recorded. He also conducted a roll call of the membership for attendance purposes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Biggs seconded by Alison Land and approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Summary and Discussion of the JLARC Report on CSA

Mr. Reiner provided members with a summary of the recommendations from the recently released JLARC report on CSA. He noted that the full report was available on the JLARC website. After Mr. Reiner's review, several questions were raised and discussed concerning recommendations in the report (i.e. serving all children identified as eligible for CSA funds, including those categorized as "non-mandated"; use of non-licensed private day schools; educational outcomes for private day schools).

During discussion, it was also noted that several of the recommendations would add additional responsibility to OCS which would necessitate additional staff and funding to carry out those responsibilities.

Recap of FY2020 CSA Utilization and Expenditure Data

Mr. Reiner presented a summary of FY2020 CSA utilization and expenditure data. Overall FY2020 expenditures (\$438M) rose approximately 5% over FY2019 expenditures.

Reports to the General Assembly

Mr. Reiner reported that five reports that are due annually to the General Assembly are in final preparation and are due December 1. These reports will be shared with SEC members before the December 10 meeting.

Implementation of the SEC Strategic Plan

Mr. Reiner provided an update on implementation activities to date:

- The SEC Policy Review and Alignment Workgroup, has met once and will meet again before the December 10 SEC meeting. The Workgroup includes members that bring an equity and trauma informed perspective to the policy review. The first policy being reviewed is the Family Engagement policy.
- A series of Evidence-Based training events which were originally planned for April 2020 are now being planned to be delivered virtually in the spring of 2021.
- In support of outcome driven practices, Mr. Reiner reported that OCS has surveyed state agencies concerning their collection and reporting of outcomes data. OCS has outstanding requests for the information from several agencies and Mr. Reiner will follow-up with those agencies concerning the requests.
- SLAT has two workgroups currently meeting and working on the following projects:
 - Development of a guide for youth and families regarding access to services
 - Defining core knowledge, skills and abilities for various local CSA roles (e.g., CSA Coordinators, CPMT and FAPT members)

The SLAT Chair will provide an update at the December SEC meeting.

Status of Appointments to Vacant SEC Seats

Mr. Reiner reported that Michelle Johnson, Charles City County Administrator has been appointed to fill one of the two local government seats on the SEC. The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office is seeking someone to fill the second seat.

Agenda Items for December 10, 2020 SEC Meeting

To accommodate the agenda and to provide a 10-minute break during the meeting, members set the meeting for two hours.

In addition to the status report on implementation of the SEC's Strategic Plan and a summary of the JLARC report, other items added by members include a report and feedback on the CSA conference and plans for the COVID-19 vaccination process with an emphasis on congregate care and community partnerships.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.